Pay revision in CSIR

3804. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:
SHRI C.O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that pay scales of Office Assistants (Gen.), Assistants (F&A) and Senior Stenographers of CSIR had been replaced to Rs. 1640-2900/ - with effect from 1st January, 1986, through an office order during June, 1995;

(b) if so, whether the Finance Ministry has agreed to the above replacement;

(c) if not, whether the competent authority of CSIR has got powers to approve such revision even if the Finance Ministry has not agreed for the same; and

(d) whether the above power would be applied to revise the pay structure of Junior/Senior Technical Assistants working in National laboratories of CSIR?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MONOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes sir.

(b) and (c) No Sir, The President CSIR in exercise of powers conferred upon vide Rule 41 of CSIR Rules, Regulations and Bye-laws approved the revision.

(d) CSIR is under directions from the Hon'ble Central Adminsitrative Tribunal (CAT), Bangalore, Bench as regards revision of scales in respect of Senior/Junior Technical Assistants. The matter is under examinations in pursuance thereof.

Indo-US Science and technology forum

3805. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and US has signed an agreement to step up an Indo-US Science and Tecxhnology Forum;

(b) if so, the main objectives of the Forum; and

(d) the way it would be facilitated in spite of continuing sanctions;